

OPINION 860

GOBIUS LENKORANICUS KESSLER, 1877 (PISCES): SUPPRESSED
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *lenkoranicus* Kessler, 1877, as published in the binomen *Gobius lenkoranicus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *caucasicus* Berg, 1916, as published in the binomen *Pomatoschistus caucasicus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2250.

(3) The specific name *lenkoranicus* Kessler, 1877, as published in the binomen *Gobius lenkoranicus* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 898.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1737)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Prof. A. N. Svetovidov in January 1966. Prof. Svetovidov's application was sent to the printer on 7 February 1966 and was published on 29 April 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 55–56. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to one specialist serial. The proposals were supported by Prof. Carl L. Hubbs.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 February 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (68)3 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 56. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 27 May 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Melville, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Jaczewski, Obruchev, Munroe, Brinck, Lemche, Starobogatov, Uchida, Alvarado, Eisenmann, Tortonese, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Bonnet, Mertens, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Forest.

Dr. Sabrosky refused to vote for suppression of a nomen dubium.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

caucasicus, *Pomatoschistus*, Berg, 1916, *Les poissons des eaux douces de la Russie* : 409

lenkoranicus, *Gobius*, Kessler, 1877, *Tr. Aralo-Casp. Exp.* **4** : 34

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (68)3 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 860.

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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

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